



Electricity Oversight Board

Daily Report for Wednesday, May 21, 2003

On Wednesday, the average zonal prices for SP15 at \$58.69/MWh surged from Tuesday's \$28.02/MWh, while NP15 at \$21.40/MWh remained nearly unchanged. Congestion on Path 26 in the North-to-South direction continued to result in a split for the average zonal prices. Despite mild weather conditions, decrease in offline generation by roughly 2,526 MW from Tuesday, and over-generation for early morning hours pushing the average price down, however the average zonal price increase was mainly due to:

- Higher natural gas price. The average natural gas price increased by four percent on Wednesday to \$5.70/MMBtu from \$5.50/MMBtu on Tuesday.
- Increased peak demand. Demand was higher for all hours of the day on Wednesday from the previous day. The peak demand reached above 35,000 MW at 4 p.m., this was up by nearly 2,500 MW from Tuesday.
- Unforeseen deficient resources. The CAISO requested incremental energy bids for SP15.

The peak price for SP15 at \$174/MWh that occurred between 3:00p.m. and 6:00p.m. could have been the result of unforeseen deficient resources, and congestion on Path 26 in the North to South direction.

Figure 1 - SP15 & NP15 7-Day Rolling Average Prices

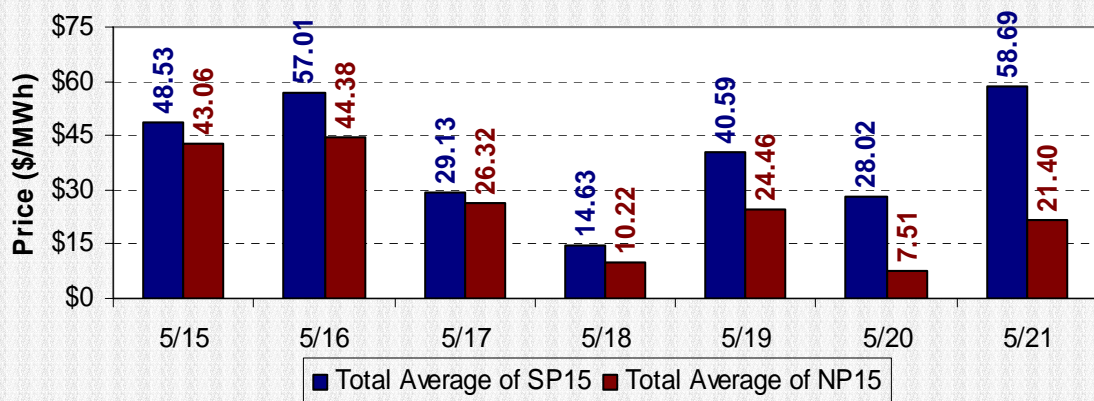
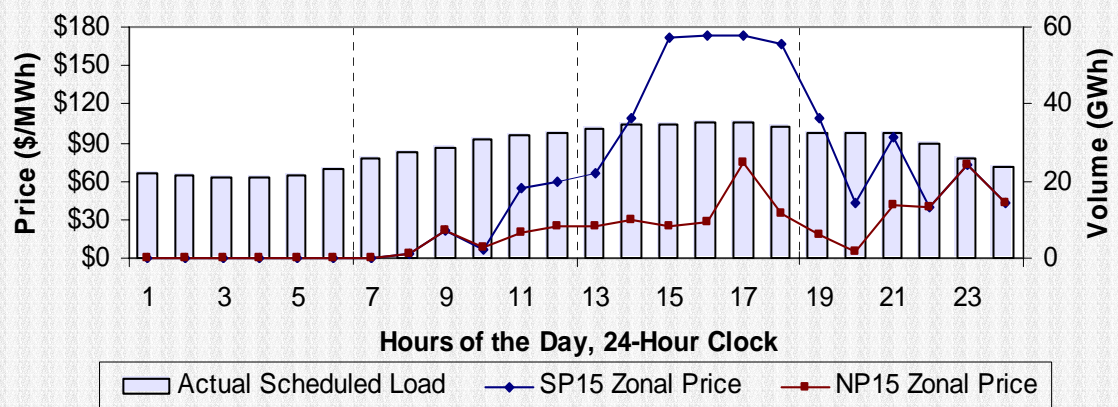


Figure 2 - Hourly Zonal Price and Volume





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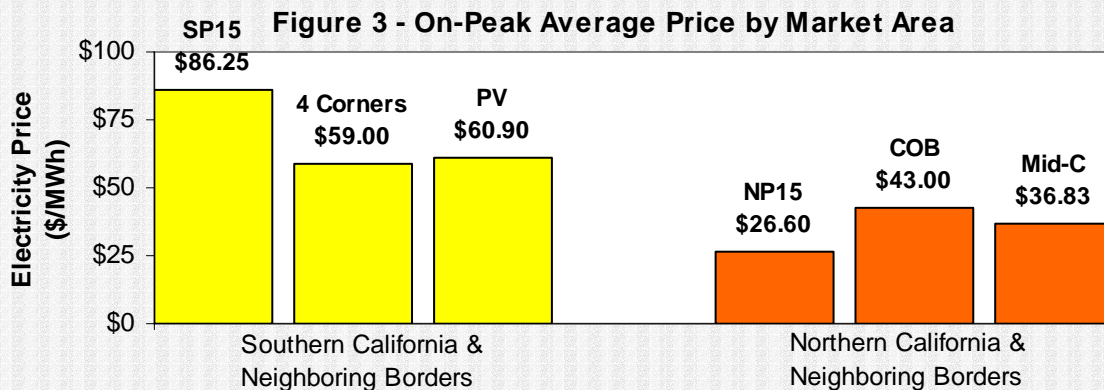


Figure 4 - Seven Day Snapshot of NP15 Zonal Price

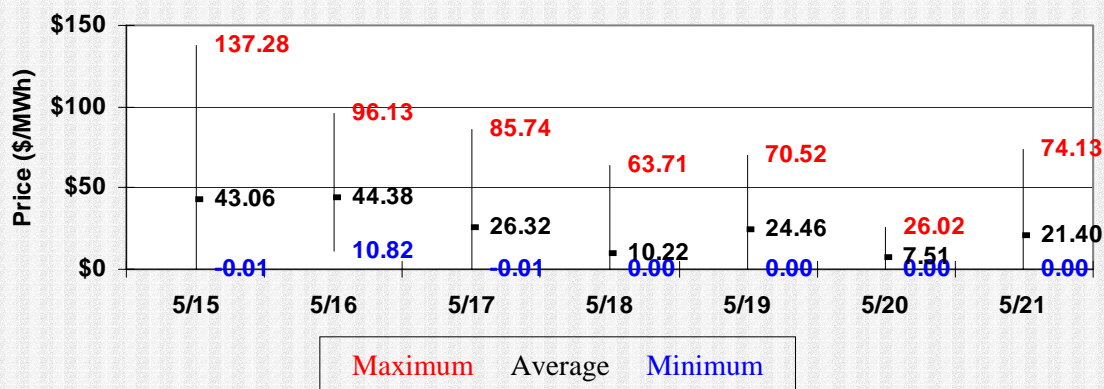


Figure 5 - Average Natural Gas Price

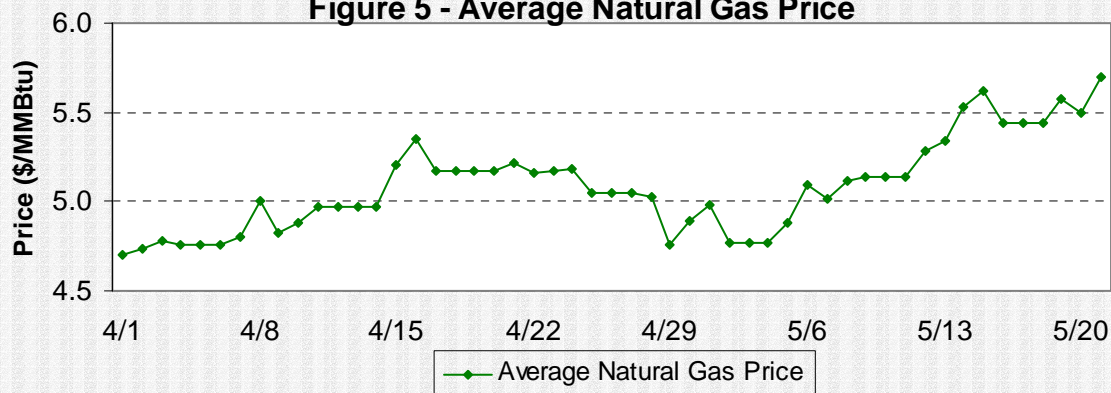


Figure 6 - Average Daily Zonal Price & Total Actual Load

